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THE BEGGAR, AT THE BARRIER DE PASSY, FROM THE FRENCH.

Many years since, when I was a young man about twenty years of age, I used very frequently to spend a Sunday with my mother who resided at Versailles, this being the only day of the week on which I could leave Paris. I generally walked as far as the Barrier, and thence took a seat in one of the public carriages to my mother's house. When I happened to be too early for the diligence, I used to stop and converse with a beggar whose name was Anthony, and who regularly took his station at the Barrier de Passy, where, in a loud voice, he solicited alms from every one who passed, with a degree of perseverance that was really astonishing. I generally gave him a trifle without enquiring whether he deserved it or not, partly because I had got into the habit of doing so, and partly to get rid of his importunities. One day in summer, as I waited for the diligence, I found Anthony at his usual post, exerting his lungs, and bawling incessantly his accustomed form of petition.—For the love of heaven, bestow your alms on a poor man. Messieurs, Mesdames, the smallest trifle will be gratefully received.

While Anthony was in this manner pouring his exclamations into the ears of every one who came within the reach of his voice, a middle-aged man of respectable parents joined us. He had a pleasant expression of countenance, was very well dressed, and it might be seen at a glance that he was a man in good circumstances. Here was a fit subject for the beggar, who quickly made his advances, proclaiming in a loud voice his poverty, and soliciting relief.

'You need not be a beggar unless you please,' replied the gentleman, 'when you can have an income of 10,000 crowns.'

'You are pleased to jest, sir,' answered Anthony. 'By no means,' said the gentleman: 'I was never more serious in my life. Listen to me, my friend. You perceive that I am well dressed, and I tell you that I have every thing that a reasonable man need desire.'

'Ah! sir, you are a fortunate man.' 'Well, but, my friend, I would not have been so if I had sat and begged as you are doing.'

'I have no other means of gaining my living.' 'Are you lame?'

'No, sir.' 'You are not blind, or deaf, and you certainly are not dumb, as every passer-by can testify. Listen: I shall tell you my history in a few words. Some fifteen or twenty years ago I was a beggar like yourself, at length I began to see that it was very disgraceful to live on the bounty of others, I resolved to abandon this shameful way of life as soon as I possibly could. I quitted Paris—I went into the provinces—I begged for old rags. The people were very kind to me, and in a short time I returned to Paris, with a tolerable large bundle of rags of every description. I carried them to a paper maker, who bought them at a fair price. I went on collecting, until my great joy my finances enabled me to purchase rags, so that I was no longer forced to beg for them. At length by diligence and industry, I became rich enough to buy an ass with two panniers, and this saved me both time and labor. My business increased, the paper makers found that I dealt honestly by them—I never palmed off bad rags for good ones; I prospered, and see the result—in the place of being a poor despised beggar, I have ten thousand crowns a year and two houses in one of the best streets of Paris. If, then, my friend, you can do no better, begin as a rag merchant, and here,' he continued, 'is a crown to set you up in your new trade; it is more than I had: and in addition, please take notice, that if I find you here another Sunday, I shall report you to the police.'

On saying this, the old gentleman walked off, leaving Anthony and myself in a state of great surprise. Indeed, the beggar had been so much interested in the history he had heard, that he stood with open mouth and eyes in astonishment, nor had he even power to solicit alms from two well dressed ladies who passed at that moment. I could not help being struck with the story, but I had no time to comment on it, as the diligence had arrived, in which I seated myself, and pursued my way. From that period I lost sight of the beggar: whether the fear of the police or the hopes of gaining ten thousand crowns a year, had wrought the change, I was not aware; it is sufficient to say, that from that day forward he was never seen at the Barrier.

Many years after that happened, business called me to Tours. In strolling through the city I stopped into a book seller's shop to purchase a new work that had made some noise

I found there four young men, all busily employed, while a stout good looking man was giving them orders, as he walked up and down with an air of importance. I thought I had seen the face of the book seller before, but where, I could not for the moment tell, until he spoke, and then I discovered him to be my old friend Anthony. The recognition was mutual; he grasped my hand, and led me through his shop into a well furnished parlor; he lavished every kindness on me—and, finally gave me his history from the time we parted at the Barrier. With the crown of the stranger he began as he had advised him, to collect rags; he made money; became the partner of a paper manufacturer—married his daughter—in short, his hopes were fulfilled—his ambition gratified, and he could now count his income at ten thousand crowns. He prayed every day for blessings on his benefactor, who had been the means of raising him from the degraded condition of a common beggar. Anthony is so convinced of the evil and sin of idleness, and of subsisting on the alms of others, that, while liberal and kind to those who are willing to work, no entreaties, no supplications, ever prevailed on him to bestow a single sou on those who would not help themselves. [Ladies Companion.]

NO TRUST IN PRINCES.

A droll adventure occurred to the Emperor Alexander on the eve of one of the imperial reviews. The emperor was fond of walking about alone and unattended, and he often extended his pedestrian excursions to the distance of two or three leagues from St. Petersburg. On the occasion here alluded to, he had taken a very long walk, and finding himself much fatigued, he got into one of the public sledges.

'Drive to the imperial palace at St. Petersburg,' said he to the switschik (sledge driver).

'I will take you as near to it as I can,' replied the man; 'but the guards will not allow us to approach the gates.'

On arriving within a little distance of the palace, the sledge stopped.

The emperor jumped from the sledge, saying—'Wait there, and I will send some one to pay you.'

'No, no,' replied the man; 'that will not do. Your comrades often make me the same promise, but they always forget to keep it. I will give no credit. If you have not the money, leave something with me until you get it.'

The emperor smiled, and, listening to the clasp of his cloak, he threw it into the sledge. 'Here,' said he, 'take this.'

On ascending to his apartments, he directed his valet de-chambre to take fifty roubles to the switschik who had driven him, and bring back his cloak.

When the valet reached the spot where the emperor had left the sledge, he found some twenty drawn up in a line.

'Which of you drove the emperor?' inquired the valet.

No one answered.

'Who has got a cloak?' said the valet, pursuing his inquiry.

'An officer left a cloak with me,' exclaimed a sledge driver.

'Give it to me and here is your fare.'

'Great St. Nicholas!' exclaimed the astonished driver, and seizing his reins he drove rapidly away, amidst the shouts of the assembled switschiks.

This happened on the eve of one of the grand reviews. After the troops had debited, all the commanders of the corps formed a group round the emperor.

'Gentlemen,' said Alexander, 'I am much pleased with the fine appearance and excellent discipline of your troops. But tell your officers from me, that they last night made me submit to the humiliation of leaving my cloak in pledge for my honesty.' Every one started with astonishment. 'I assure you resumed the emperor, the sledge driver who brought me home, refused to take me, because he said my comrades often refused to pay him.'

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS.

BY DR CHANNING.

The newspaper press is featured among us by its dependence on subscribers, among whom there are not a few ignorant enough to withdraw their patronage, if an editor give publicity to articles which contradict their cherished opinions, or shock their party prejudices, or seem to clash with their interests. In such a state of things, few newspapers can be expected to attain to an impartial individual or party, however philanthropic or irreproachable, an opportunity of being heard by the public. Editors engaged in their vocation, like other men, for a support; and communications which will injure their subscription list, will of course find little favor at their hands. Much reproach is sometimes thrown on them for their want of moral independence; but the root of the evil lies in the nature of the thing, in that the newspaper press is one of its kind, which is to state the opinions of the community. The very nature of the thing, in that the newspaper press is one of its kind, which is to state the opinions of the community. The very nature of the thing, in that the newspaper press is one of its kind, which is to state the opinions of the community.

Another evil result is, the increase of the number and violence of parties. Toleration seems to be the last virtue which individuals or communities learn. One would think, that experience had sufficiently taught men, that persecution is not the way to put down opinions. The selfish may indeed be disheartened by opposition; but conscientious men are strengthened by it in their convictions. Persecution drives and knits them together; and when formed into a party by this bond, their zeal becomes more intense, their prejudices more inveterate, their opinions more extravagant, their means more violent, than if they had continued to be scattered through the community. If abolitionism should convulse the country, as some seem to fear, a large share of the blame will belong to that intolerance which has heaped on the most respectable men every epithet of scorn and vituperation, and has driven them to assume a separate and belligerent attitude in the community.

I cannot easily conceive of a greater good to a city, than the establishment of a newspaper by men of superior ability and moral independence, who should judge all parties and public measures by the standard of Christian law, who should uncompromisingly speak the truth and adhere to the right, who should make it their steady aim to form a just and lofty public sentiment, and who should at the same time give to upright and honorable men an opportunity of making known their opinions on matters of general interest, however opposed to the opinions and passions of the day. In the present stage of society, when newspapers form the reading of all classes, and the chief reading of multitudes, the importance of the daily press cannot be overrated. It is one of the mightiest instruments at work among us. It may and should take rank among the most effectual means of social order and improvement. It is a power which should be wielded by the best minds in the community. The office of editor is one of solemn responsibility, and the community should encourage the most gifted and virtuous men to assume it, by liberally recompensing their labor, and according to them that freedom of thought and speech, without which no mind puts forth all its vigor, and which the highest minds rank among their dearest rights and blessings.

From the Saturday Courier.
Random Sketches from the West.
THE QUEER LAWYER.—A Fact.

Several years since there came a young Virginian into one of the villages of the West—the county-seat of a county—and announced himself to the citizens as a lawyer who intended practicing his tent among them. It was but a short time before the sitting of the court, and our young debutant had the mortification to enter upon this legal passover without a single case. This state of things would have been rather discouraging under any circumstances, but it was still more so, since it was accompanied with an alarming emptiness in the region of the pocket. But our hero was not a man given to despondence; and he began forthwith to cast about him for the purpose of bettering his condition. Right over the way from his lodgings, there stood what is called, in western parlance, a 'grocery,' alias a 'gro-shop.' I need not say that it had its full allowance of worshippers. From this delightful parlor, amidst a babel-like concord of drunken jargon, the ears of the briefless lawyer were struck with the notes of a violin.

He snatched carelessly over, and entered this scene of rude joviality. To possess himself of the fiddle, which was in the hands of a lusty woodchopper, was the work of a moment; and it was but another moment before the throng were crowding around to listen. They perceived at once that the instrument was played by a master, and they all voted inconsequently that the Orpheus of the gro-shop was perfectly equipped. They were delighted; but when their unknown visitor added his voice to the notes, and burst out into a comical negro song, the whole company were uproarious in their raptures. I must except the musical woodcutter: he took it in high dudgeon, that any one should presume to compete with him on his own dung-hill.

'Harkye, sirrah,' said he, going up to our hero in a threatening manner, 'you may beat me on the fiddle, but I be d—d if I can't out-jump, out-wrestle, or, if you come to that, out-fight you.'

'I accept the challenge,' said the lawyer; and throwing down the violin, the company retired to the front of the grocery. 'Here, at the first effort, he distanced his antagonist some six inches.'

'He jumps like a greyhound,' said he of the gro-shop, scratching his head, and somewhat mortified; but I can't throw him, I'm shot.'

But the success of the poor wood-chopper was but in this second trial as the first. He was perfectly engaged by his discomfiture, and stripping off his coat, swore he would fling him at any rate. But the company, who had taken quite an affection to our hero, interceded, and they all adjourned to the gro-shop to drink each other's healths, and to smoke the catnip.

The lawyer in the meanwhile kept cracking his jokes, and singing his songs, and telling his

stories, to the great diversion of the company. It was not long before some of the toppers began very naturally to talk about their cases in court. The lawyer then commenced giving them advice, and spoke very learnedly upon the subject.

'You must be a lawyer,' said an old gentleman, who had been listening to him very intently.

He answered in the affirmative.

'Then I'll be — if you shan't plead my case to-morrow?'

'And mine,' said another.

'And mine,' said a third.

The fees were forthwith put into his hands—and our hero went to bed that night fifty dollars richer than he was in the morning.

The event proved that the confidence of his clients was not misplaced. The cases entrusted to him were managed in a masterly manner; and he rose from that moment with rapid strides to the head of the bar. He afterwards filled many important offices in the State, and was in a fair way to have attained to the highest in the gift of the people; but his unfortunate habits of dissipation undermined his constitution, and cut him off in the midst of his career. Such was the beginning and end of H. H. M.

DR. CHANNING ON RELIGIOUS SECTS.
We subjoin another extract from Dr. Channing's letter to the Editor of the Western Messenger.—[S. Sentinel.]

In all sects I recognize joyfully true disciples of the common master. Catholicism boasts of some of the best and greatest names in history, so does Episcopacy, so does Presbyterianism, &c. I exclude none. I know that Christianity is mighty enough to accomplish its end, in all I cannot however speak of religious any more than of political parties, without betraying the little respect I have for them, as parties. There is no portion of human history more humbling than that of sects. When I meditate on the grand moral, spiritual purpose of Christianity, in which all its glory consists,—when I consider how plainly Christianity attaches importance in nothing but the moral excellence, the disinterested divine virtue, which was embodied in the teaching and life of its founder—and when from this position, I look down on the sects which have figured, and now figure in the church,—when I see them making such a stir about matters generally so unessential,—when I see them seizing on a disputed and disputable doctrine, making it a watch-word, a test of God's favor, a bond of communion, a ground of self-complacency, a badge of peculiar holiness, a warrant for condemning its rejectors, however imbued with the spirit of Christ,—when I see them overlooking the weightier matters of the law, and laying infinite stress on a bishop and prayer-book, there on the quantity of water applied to baptism, and there on some dark solution of an incomprehensible article of faith,—when I see the mock dignity of their exclusive claim to truth, to churchship, to the promises of God's word,—when I hear the mimic thunderbolts of denunciation and excommunication, which they delight to hurl,—when I consider how their deep theology, in proportion as it is examined, evaporates into words, how many opposite and extravagant notions are covered by the same broad shield of mystery and tradition, and how commonly the persuasion of infallibility is proportioned to the absurdity of the creed,—when I consider these things, and other matters of like import, I am lost in amazement at the amount of arrogant, of self-complacent intolerance, of almost incredible blindness to the end and essence of Christianity, which the history of sects reveals. I have indeed profound respect for individuals in all communions of Christians. But on sects, and on the spirit of sects, I must be allowed to look with grief, shame, pity, I had almost said contempt. In passing these censures, I claim no superiority. I am sure there are thousands of all sects, who think and feel as I do, in this particular, and who, far from claiming superior intelligence, are distinguished by following out the plain dictates, the natural impulses, and spontaneous judgments of conscience and common sense.

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

AN ACT providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money, apportioned to the State of Maine on deposit, by the government of the United States.

Whereas under the combined operation of the existing laws, and laws regulating the sale of the public lands, an unavoidable surplus of public money, not necessary, nor susceptible of an economical expenditure, in the ordinary requirements of the National Government, has accumulated in the Treasury of the United States; and by a law of Congress, passed on the twenty-third day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled, 'An Act to regulate the deposit of the public money,' said surplus is directed to be apportioned among the several States of the Union, on deposit, until payment thereof shall be required by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the wants of the public Treasury.

And Whereas the Legislature of this State, by an Act passed January twenty-six, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, providing for the acceptance of that portion of said surplus to which Maine, by the provision of said Act of the U. States, shall be entitled, authorized the Treasurer to receive the same: Therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted in the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That the portion of the public money of the United States, which shall be received by the Treasurer of this State, in pursuance of the aforesaid Act of Congress, shall be deposited with the several cities, towns and plantations thereof, upon the conditions and in the manner specified in this Act.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the condition on which any city, town or plantation shall receive its proportion of said money, shall be, that, whenever the whole or any part thereof shall be required for the purposes, and demanded in the manner prescribed in the aforesaid Act of Congress, it shall be promptly and faithfully refunded to the State within sixty days after notice for such repayment shall have been given it by the Treasurer of this State.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That if any city, town or plantation, shall neglect or refuse, for the period of sixty days, after notice as aforesaid shall have been received by the Clerk or Treasurer thereof, from the State Treasurer, that said money, or any part thereof is required by the State, to pay the amount so required, into the Treasury of the State, said Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue an execution for the amount so required to be paid, returnable within sixty days, against the inhabitants of such city, town or plantation, directed to the Sheriff of the County in which such delinquent city, town or plantation may be situated; and it shall be the duty of such Sheriff to collect such execution in the manner in which he is authorized by law to collect executions, issued from the Judicial Courts against a city, town or plantation.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the State, as soon as may be, after the Census of the State shall be completed, as hereinafter provided, to assign to each city, town and plantation thereof, its due share of the public money which shall have been received by him, in proportion to the population of such city, town or plantation, as ascertained by said Census; and he shall thereupon, notify the several Treasurers of said cities, towns and plantations, of the amount thus apportioned to them.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That the inhabitants of any city, town or plantation in this State, who shall by a vote, in legal town meeting assembled, determine to draw the sum apportioned to them as aforesaid, from the Treasury of the State, and shall duly authorize an Agent to receive the same, shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of the State said sum, on depositing such certified copy, and receipt therefor, signed by said Agent, as are prescribed in this Act.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That the same notice shall be given for calling all city, town or plantation meetings, held for the purpose of acting on any of the provisions of this Act, as is required by law for the annual meetings for the choice of city, town and plantation officers; at which meetings all the inhabitants of such cities, towns and plantations, shall be deemed legal voters, who are qualified to vote in town affairs.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, That the form of the vote of each city, town or plantation agreeing as aforesaid to receive its proportion of said money from the State, upon the conditions specified in this Act, shall be in substance as follows:

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the _____ of _____ qualified to vote in _____ affairs, held on the _____ day of _____ the following votes were passed:

Voted, That this _____ will receive its proportion of the money which is, or may be, deposited with this State, by the United States, in pursuance of 'an Act to regulate the deposit of the public money,' on the condition specified in the Act of this State, entitled 'An Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money apportioned to the State of Maine, on deposit, by the government of the United States.'

Voted, That _____ be and hereby is appointed the Agent of this _____ to demand and receive from the Treasurer of this State, the proportion of said money belonging to this _____.

And the said _____ is authorized to sign a receipt therefor, conformably to the requirements of said Act of this State, which shall be obligatory upon this _____.

And such Agent shall lodge with the State Treasurer an attested copy of the aforesaid votes, upon the back of which, he shall make and sign a receipt substantially as follows:

Received on the _____ day of _____ from _____ Treasurer of Maine, the sum of _____ being a portion of the public money received by the State, from the United States, to which the _____ is entitled; which is received by said _____ in pursuance of the within vote, and when required, the same sum is to be repaid by said _____ into the Treasury of the State, in all respects conformably to

the Act entitled "An Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money, apportioned to the State of Maine, on deposit, by the government of the United States."

A. B. Agent for the — of —.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the Treasurer of the State shall cause a suitable number of Blanks of the form aforesaid, to be distributed, together with copies of this Act, to each city, town and organized plantation in this State.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That in case any city, town or plantation shall vote to have its proportion remain in the Treasury of the State for the use of such city, town or plantation, the Treasurer of the State shall, at the expense and risk of such city, town or plantation, loan the same on such terms, not exceeding the rate of six per cent. per annum, and on such security as he shall consider safe and expedient; and such security shall be held in trust for such city, town or plantation. And the interest received therefrom shall be payable annually, on the first day of January, at the State Treasury, to such Agent or Attorney as may be appointed by such city, town or plantation for that purpose. And if any city, town or plantation shall, at such meeting, vote to *refuse* to receive its proportion of said money, on the terms and conditions specified in this Act, said proportion, with the interest which may accrue therefrom, shall remain in the Treasury, subject to the future action of the Legislature.

Provided however, That any city, town or plantation which shall have voted to have its proportion of said money remain in the Treasury, and receive the interest thereon, may draw the principal therefrom in one year, and shall have given notice in writing to the Treasurer of its intention so to do.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That if any city, town or plantation shall not, on or before the first day of May next, give notice to the Treasurer of the State, of its intention to draw from the Treasury its proportion of said money, said Treasurer shall, as soon as the proportion of said city, town or plantation shall be ascertained, proceed to loan the same in the manner prescribed in the ninth Section of this Act.

SECT. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of ascertaining the population of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, the Aldermen of cities, Selectmen of towns, and the Assessors of plantations, are hereby authorized, at the expense of their respective cities, towns and plantations, to cause the number of inhabitants thereof, (omitting in such enumeration foreigners not naturalized who have not had their residence in any city, town or plantation in this State four years previous to the taking of said enumeration, and Indians not taxed) to be taken, according to the direction of this Act. The said enumeration shall distinguish all persons under the age of four years; those of four and under twenty-one; and those of twenty-one and upwards, belonging to each city, town or plantation in this State, on the first of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

SECT. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That said Aldermen, Selectmen or Assessors, or such person or persons as shall be appointed by them for that purpose, shall respectively, before entering upon the performance of their duty as aforesaid, take or subscribe an oath or affirmation, before some Justice of the Peace, for the faithful performance of their duties, in substance as follows:—

I — of — do solemnly swear, (or affirm), that I will truly and faithfully make a full and perfect enumeration and description of the persons resident within the — of — on the first day of March eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and return the same to the Treasurer of the State of Maine, agreeably to the directions of an Act, entitled, "An Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money apportioned to the State of Maine on deposit, by the government of the United States," according to the best of my ability; and that I will make said enumeration and description by actual enquiry at every dwelling house in said — or personal enquiry of the head of every family, and not otherwise.

SECT. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That said enumeration shall be fully completed, and accurate returns thereof made to the Treasurer of the State, on or before the twentieth day of April next, which returns shall be made in a schedule, the form of which (with the form of the oath specified in this section) shall be provided and furnished by said Treasurer, and they shall distinguish the several families by the name of their master, mistress or head. And the person taking such enumeration, shall take and subscribe upon the returns rendered by him, on oath or affirmation as follows:—

I — do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the number of persons set forth in the return made by me agreeably to the provisions of the Act, entitled "An Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money apportioned to the State of Maine, on deposit, by the government of the United States," has been ascertained by an actual enquiry at every dwelling house, or a personal enquiry of the head of every family, in conformity with the provisions of this Act; and the return aforesaid is correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. B. And the blank forms which the Treasurer is to transmit, shall be forwarded to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, whose duty it shall be to cause the same to be, forthwith, distributed to the clerks of the respective cities, towns and plantations. And the Sheriff's bills therefor shall be presented to the Legislature for allowance.

SECT. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That ev-

ery person whose usual place of abode shall be in any family on the first day of March next, shall be returned as of such family.

SECT. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That each and every individual of the age of sixteen years and upwards, belonging to any family, who is liable to be enumerated pursuant to the provisions of this Act, whether such individual be the head of the family or not, shall be, and hereby is required to render to the person appointed to take the enumeration in the city, town, or plantation where such individual resides, if required, a true account, to the best of his or her knowledge, of the persons belonging to such family, respectively, according to the descriptions aforesaid, on pain of forfeiting twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered in action of debt, by such person, appointed as aforesaid, to the use of the city, town, or plantation, in which the parties reside.

SECT. 16. *Be it further enacted*, That in case any city, town, or organized plantation shall neglect to have the enumeration provided for in this Act, made and returned according to the provisions thereof, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the State, as soon as may be, after the time for making said returns have expired, to cause such enumeration to be taken, by some suitable person or persons, to be by him appointed, who shall be under oath and proceed in the same manner as provided for in the twelfth and thirteenth sections of this Act, at the expense of such delinquent city, town, or plantation, to be deducted from the proportion payable to said city, town, or plantation.

SECT. 17. *Be it further enacted*, That in computing the number of inhabitants on which the apportionment is to be made, the Treasurer shall include all persons resident in any part of the State, upon lands not included within the bounds of any city, town, or organized plantation, and not excluded by the terms and conditions of enumeration named in the eleventh section of this Act. And for the purpose of ascertaining the number of such inhabitants, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of the County in which said lands are situated, forthwith to appoint some person or persons, whose duty it shall be to take and return to the State Treasurer the enumeration of persons resident on said lands, conforming in the mode of procedure to the requirements of this Act, relative to the enumerations to be taken in cities or towns. And the expenses thereof, having been first audited and allowed by said County Commissioners, shall be paid from the Treasury of the State.

Provided, however, That the first instalment of said money received from the government of the United States, shall be apportioned by the Treasurer of State among the several cities, towns, and plantations thereof, upon the basis adopted by him in the distribution of the annual school fund for 1837. And said Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same, to the several Agents (for this purpose appointed) on their producing, signing, and depositing in his office, the vouchers and receipts required by the seventh section of this Act. And on receiving the returns of the census, required by this Act, said Treasurer shall so apportion to the several cities, towns and plantations, their share of the second instalment of said public money, paid to this State, as that the aggregate of both instalments shall be based upon their population as ascertained by said census.

SECT. 18. *Be it further enacted*, That the several cities, towns and plantations may use the money deposited with them in the same manner and for the same purposes that they may now by law use the monies accruing in their Treasuries from taxation; or may loan the same in any manner they may see proper, receiving safe and ample security therefor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 25th, 1837.

The Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom were referred several petitions, wherein the petitioners prayed to be incorporated with Banking privileges, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT.

That the granting exclusive privileges to companies, or the exempting companies from liabilities, to which individuals are subject, is repugnant to the best interests of the State; and that the Banks, inasmuch as they have exclusive privileges and exemptions, and have the entire control of credit and currency, are the most pernicious of money corporations.

Your Committee are fully persuaded that of all aristocracies, none more completely enslave a people than that of money; and in the opinion of your Committee, no system was ever better devised so perfectly to enslave a community, as that of the present mode of conducting Banking establishments. They hold the purse strings of society, and by monopolizing the whole of the circulating medium of the country, form a precarious standard by which all descriptions of property are valued; thus rendering the whole community dependent on them.

Your Committee believe that the foregoing principles are so fully understood, and generally adopted, by the citizens of this State, that they deem it unnecessary, at this time, to offer an extended argument in support of them. In compliance, therefore, not only with their own views of the subject, but with what they believe to be the opinions of a large majority of the citizens of this State, they submit the following resolution.

JAMES P. VANCE, Per Order.
Resolved, That the granting of exclusive privileges and exemptions, to private corporations, whereby they can control the credit and currency of the State, is repugnant to the fundamental principles of our Government.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The practice of all my predecessors imposes on me an obligation I cheerfully fulfil, to accompany the first and solemn act of my public trust with an avowal of the principles that will guide me in performing it, and the expression of my feelings on assuming a charge so responsible and vast. In imitating their example, I tread in the footsteps of illustrious men, whose superior, it is our happiness to believe, are not found on the executive calendar of our country. Among them, we recognize the earliest and firmest pillars of the republic; those by whom our national independence was first declared; him who, above all others, contributed to establish it on the field of battle; and those whose expanded intellect and patriotism constructed, improved, and perfected the inestimable institutions under which we live. If such men, in the position I now occupy, felt themselves overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude for this, the highest of all marks of their country's confidence, and by a consciousness of their inability adequately to discharge the duties of an office so difficult and exalted, how much more must these considerations affect one, who can rely on no such claims for favor or forbearance. Unlike all who have preceded me, the revolution, that gave us existence as one people, was achieved at the period of my birth; and whilst I contemplate with grateful reverence that memorable event, I feel that I belong to a later age, and that I may not expect my countrymen to weigh my actions with the same kind and partial hand.

So sensibly, fellow citizens, do these circumstances press themselves upon me, that I should not dare to enter upon the path of my duty, did I not look for the generous aid of those who will be associated with me in the various and coordinate branches of the Government; did I not repose, with unwavering reliance, on the patriotism, the intelligence, and the kindness of a people who never yet deserted a public servant honestly laboring in their cause; and, above all, did I not permit myself humbly to hope for the sustaining support of an ever watchful and beneficent Providence.

To the confidence and consolation derived from these sources, it would be ungrateful not to add those which spring from our present fortunate condition. Though not altogether exempt from embarrassments that disturb our tranquility at home and threaten it abroad, yet, in all the attributes of a great, happy and flourishing people, we stand without parallel in the world. Abroad, we enjoy the respect, and, with scarcely an exception, the friendship of every nation; at home, while our Government quietly, but efficiently performs the sole legitimate end of political institutions, in doing the greatest good to the greatest number, we present an aggregate of human prosperity, surely not elsewhere to be found.

How imperious, then, is the obligation imposed upon every citizen, in his own sphere of action, whether limited or extended, to exert himself in perpetuating a condition of things so singularly happy. All the lessons of history and experience must be lost upon us, if we are content to trust alone to the peculiar advantages we happen to possess. Position and climate, and the bounteous resources that nature has scattered with so liberal a hand—even the diffused intelligence and elevated character of our people—will avail us nothing, if we fail sacredly to uphold those political institutions that were wisely and deliberately formed, with reference to every circumstance that could preserve, or might endanger the blessings we enjoy. Looking upon it with the eyes of statesmen and of patriots, they saw all the sources of rapid and wonderful prosperity; but they saw also that various habits, opinions and institutions, peculiar to the various portions of so vast a region, were deeply fixed. Distinct sovereignties were in actual existence, whose cordial union was essential to the welfare and happiness of all. Between many of them there was, at least to some extent, a real diversity of interests, liable to be exaggerated through sinister designs; they differed in size, in population, in wealth and in actual and prospective resources; and power; they varied in the character of their industry and staple productions; and in some existed domestic institutions which, unwisely disturbed, might endanger the harmony of the whole. Most carefully were all these circumstances weighed, and the foundations of the new Government laid upon principles of reciprocal concession and equitable compromise. The jealousies which the smaller States might entertain of the rest, were allayed by the rule of representation, confessedly unequal at the time, and designed forever to remain so. A natural fear that the broad scope of general legislation might bear upon and wisely control particular interests, was counteracted by limits strictly drawn around the action of the federal authority; and to the people and the States was left unimpaired their sovereign power over the innumerable subjects embraced in the internal government of a just republic, excepting such only as necessarily appertain to the concerns of the whole confederacy, or its intercourse, as a united community, with the other nations of the world.

This provident forecast has been verified by time. Half a century, teeming with extraordinary events, and elsewhere producing astonishing results, has passed along; but on our institutions it has left no injurious mark. From a small community, we have risen to a people powerful in numbers and in strength; but with our increase has gone, hand in hand, the progress of just principles; the privileges, civil and religious, of the humblest individual, are still sacredly protected at home; and while the valor and fortitude of our people have removed from us

the slightest apprehension of foreign power, they have not yet induced us in a single instance to forget what is right. Our commerce has been extended to the remotest nations; the value, and even the nature of our productions, has been greatly changed; a wide difference has arisen in the relative wealth and resources of every portion of our country; yet the spirit of mutual regard, and of faithful adherence to existing compacts, has continued to prevail in our councils, and never long been absent from our conduct. We have learned by experience a fruitful lesson, that an implicit and undeviating adherence to the principles on which we set out, can carry us prosperously onward through all the conflicts of circumstances, and the vicissitudes inseparable from the lapse of years.

The success that has attended our great experiment, is, in itself, a sufficient cause for gratitude, on account of the happiness it has actually conferred, and the example it has unanswerably given. But to me, my fellow citizens, looking forward to the far distant future, with ardent prayers and conflicting hopes, this retrospect presents a ground for still deeper delight. It impresses on my mind a full belief that the perpetuity of our institutions depends upon ourselves; that if we maintain the principles on which they were established, they are destined to confer their benefits on countless generations yet to come; and that America will present to every friend of mankind the cheering proof that a popular government, wisely formed, is wanting in no element of endurance or strength. Fifty years ago, its rapid failure was boldly predicted. Latent and uncontrollable causes of dissolution were supposed to exist, even by the wise and good; and not only did unfriendly or speculative theorists anticipate for us the fate of past republics, but the fears of many an honest patriot overbalanced his sanguine hopes. Look back on these forebodings, not hastily, but reluctantly made, and see how, in every instance, they have completely failed.

An imperfect experience, during the struggles of the revolution, was supposed to warrant a belief that the people would not bear the taxation requisite to discharge an immense public debt already incurred, and to defray the necessary expenses of the government. The cost of two wars has been paid, not only without a murmur, but with unequalled alacrity. No one is now left to doubt that every burthen will be cheerfully borne that may be necessary to sustain our own civil institutions, or guard our honor or our welfare. Indeed, all experience has shown that the willingness of the people to contribute to these ends in cases of emergency, has uniformly outrun the confidence of their representatives.

In the early stages of the new Government, when all felt the imposing influence, as they recognized the unequalled services of the first President, it was a common sentiment that the great weight of his character could alone bind the discordant materials of our Government together, and save us from the violence of contending factions. Since his death, nearly forty years are gone. Party exasperation has been often carried to its highest point; the virtue and the fortitude of the people have sometimes been greatly tried; yet our system, purified and enhanced in value by all it has encountered, still preserves its spirit of free and fearless discussion, blended with unimpaired fraternal feelings.

The capacity of the people for self government, and their willingness, from a high sense of duty, and without those exhibitions of coercive power so generally employed in other countries, to submit to all needful restraints and exactions of the municipal law, have also been favorably exemplified in the history of the American States. Occasionally, it is true, the ardor of public sentiment outrunning the regular progress of the judicial tribunals, or seeking to reach cases not denounced as criminal by the existing law, has displayed itself in a manner calculated to give pain to the friends of a free government, and to encourage the hopes of those who wish for its overthrow. These occurrences, however, have been far less frequent in our country than in any other of equal population on the globe; and with the diffusion of intelligence, it may well be hoped that they will constantly diminish in frequency and violence. The generous patriotism and sound common sense of the great mass of our fellow citizens, will assuredly, in time, produce this result; for as every assumption of illegal power not only wounds the majesty of the law, but furnishes a pretext for abridging the liberties of the people; the latter having a most direct and permanent interest in preserving the great landmarks of social order, and maintaining, on all occasions, the inviolability of those constitutional and legal provisions which they themselves have made.

In a supposed usefulness of our institutions for those hostile emergencies which no country can always avoid, their friends found a fruitful source of apprehension; their enemies of hope. While they saw less promptness of action than in governments differently formed, they overlooked the far more important consideration, that with us war could never be the result of individual or irresponsible will, but must be a measure of redress for injuries sustained, voluntarily resorted to by those who were to bear the necessary sacrifice, who would consequently feel an individual interest in the contest, and whose energy would be commensurate with the difficulties to be encountered. Actual events have proved their error; the last war, far from impairing gave new confidence to our Government; and amid recent apprehensions of a similar conflict, we saw that the energies of our country would not be wanting in ample season to vindicate its rights. We may not possess, as we should not desire to possess, the extended

and ever ready military organization of other nations; we may occasionally suffer in the out-look for the want of it; but, among ourselves, all doubt upon this point has ceased, while a salutary experience will prevent a contrary opinion from inviting aggression from abroad.

Certain danger was foretold from the extension of our territory, the multiplication of States and the increase of population. Our system was supposed to be adapted only to boundaries comparatively narrow. These have been widened beyond conjecture; the members of our confederacy are already doubled; and the numbers of our people are incredibly augmented. The alleged causes of danger have long surpassed anticipation, but none of the consequences have followed. The power and influence of the republic have risen to a height obvious to all mankind; respect for its authority was not more apparent at its ancient than at its present limits; new and inexhaustible sources of general prosperity have been opened; the effects of distance have been averted by the inventive genius of our people, developed and fostered by the spirit of our institutions; and the enlarged variety and amount of interests, productions, and pursuits, have strengthened the chain of mutual dependence, and formed a circle of mutual benefits too apparent ever to be overlooked.

In justly balancing the powers of the Federal and State authorities, difficulties nearly insurmountable arose at the outset, and subsequent collisions were deemed inevitable. Amid these, it was scarcely believed possible that a scheme of government, so complex in construction, could remain uninjured. From time to time, embarrassments have certainly occurred; but how just is the confidence of future safety imparted by the knowledge that each in succession has been limply removed. Overlooking partial and temporary evils as inseparable from the practical operation of all human institutions, and looking only to the general result, every patriot has reason to be satisfied. While the Federal Government has successfully performed its appropriate functions in relation to foreign affairs, and concerns evidently national, that of every State has remarkably improved in protecting and developing local interest and individual welfare; and if the vibrations of authority have occasionally tended too much towards one or the other, it is unquestionably certain that the ultimate operation of the entire system has been to strengthen all the existing institutions, and to elevate our whole country in prosperity and renown.

The last, perhaps the greatest, of the prominent sources of discord and disaster supposed to lurk in our political condition, was the institution of domestic slavery. Our forefathers were deeply impressed with the delicacy of this subject, and they treated it with a forbearance so evidently wise, that, in spite of every sinister forbidding, it never, until the present period, disturbed the tranquility of our common country. Such a result is a sufficient evidence of the justice and the patriotism of their course; it is evidence not to be mistaken, that an adherence to it can prevent all embarrassment from this, as well as from every other anticipated cause of difficulty and danger. Have not recent events made it obvious to the slightest reflection, that the least deviation from this spirit of forbearance is injurious to every interest, that of humanity included? Amidst the violence of exciting passions, this generous and fraternal feeling has sometimes been disregarded, and, standing as I now do before my countrymen in this high place of honor and trust, I cannot refrain from anxiously invoking my fellow citizens never to be deaf to its dictates. Perceiving, before my election, the deep interest this subject was beginning to excite, I believed it a solemn duty fully to make known my sentiments in regard to it; and now, when every motive for misrepresentation has passed away, I trust that it will be candidly weighed and understood. At least they will be my standard of conduct in the path before me. I then declared that, if the desire of those of my countrymen who were favorable to my election was gratified, "I must go into the Presidential Chair the inflexible and uncompromising opponent of every attempt, on the part of Congress, to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, and also with a determination equally decided, to resist the slightest interference with it in the States where it exists." I submitted also to my fellow citizens, with the fullest frankness, the reasons which led me to this determination. The result authorizes me to believe that they have been approved, and are confirmed in by a majority of the people of the United States, including those whom they most immediately affected.

It now only remains to add, that no bill conflicting with these views can ever receive my constitutional sanction. These opinions have been adopted in the firm belief that they are in accordance with the spirit that actuated the venerated fathers of the republic, and that succeeding experience has proved them to be humane, patriotic, expedient, honorable, and just. If the agitation of this subject was intended to reach the stability of our institutions, enough has occurred to show that it has signally failed; and that in this, as in every other instance, the apprehensions of the timid and the hopes of the wicked for the destruction of our Government, were again destined to be disappointed. Here and there, indeed, scenes of dangerous excitement have occurred; terrifying instances of local violence have been witnessed; and a reckless disregard of the consequences of their conduct has exposed individuals in popular indignation; but neither masses of the people, nor sections of the country, have been swayed from the devotion to the bond of union, and the

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principles it has made sacred. It will be ever thus. Such attempts at dangerous agitation may periodically return, but with each the object will be better understood. That predominant affection for our political system which prevails throughout our territorial limits; that calm and enlightened judgment which ultimately governs our people as one vast body, will always be at hand to resist and control every effort, foreign and domestic, which aims, or would lead, to overthrow our institutions.

What can be more gratifying than such a retrospect as this? We look back on obstacles avoided, and dangers overcome; on expectations more than realized, and prosperity perfectly secured. To the hopes of the hostile, the fears of the timid, and the doubts of the anxious, actual experience has given the conclusive reply. We have seen time gradually dispel every unfavorable foreboding, and our constitution surmount every circumstance, dreaded at the outset as beyond control. Present excitement will, at all times, magnify present dangers; but true philosophy must teach us that none more threatening than the past can remain to be overcome; and we ought, for we have just reason, to entertain an abiding confidence in the stability of our institutions, and an entire conviction that, if administered in the true form, character, and spirit in which they were established, they are abundantly adequate to preserve to us and our children the rich blessings already derived from them; to make our beloved land, for a thousand generations, that chosen spot where happiness springs from a perfect equality of political rights.

For myself, therefore, I desire to declare, that the principle that will govern me in the high duty to which my country calls me, is a strict adherence to the letter and spirit of the constitution, as it was designed by those who formed it. Looking back to it as a sacred instrument carefully and not easily framed; remembering that it was throughout a work of concession and compromise; viewing it as limited to national objects; regarding it as leaving to the people and the States all power not explicitly parted with; I shall endeavor to preserve, protect, and defend it, by anxiously referring to its provisions for direction in every action. To matters of domestic concernment which it has entrusted to the Federal Government, and to such as relate to our intercourse with foreign nations, I shall zealously devote myself; beyond these limits I shall never pass.

To enter, on this occasion, into a further or more minute exposition of my views on the various questions of domestic policy, would be as obtrusive as it is probably unexpected. Before the suffrages of my countrymen were conferred upon me, I submitted them, with great precision, my opinions on all the most prominent of these subjects. Those opinions I shall endeavor to carry out with my utmost ability.

Our course of foreign policy has been so uniform and intelligible, as to constitute a rule of executive conduct which leaves little to my discretion, unless, indeed, I were willing to run counter to the lights of experience, and the known opinions of my constituents. We sedulously cultivate the friendship of all nations, as the condition most compatible with all our welfare, and the principles of our Government. We decline alliances, as adverse to our peace. We desire commercial relations on equal terms, being ever willing to give a fair equivalent for advantages received. We endeavor to conduct our intercourse with openness and sincerity; promptly avowing objects, and seeking to establish that mutual frankness which is as beneficial to nations as to men. We have no disposition, and we disclaim all right, to meddle in disputes, whether internal or foreign, that may molest other countries; regarding them, in the actual state, as communities, and preserving a strict neutrality in all their controversies. Well knowing the tried valor of our people, and our exhaustless resources, we neither anticipate any designed aggression; and, in the consciousness of our own just conduct, we feel a security that we shall never be called upon to exert our determination, never to permit an invasion of our rights, without punishment or redress.

In approaching, then, in the presence of my assembled countrymen, to make the solemn promise that yet remains, and to pledge myself that I will faithfully execute the office I am about to fill, I bring with me a settled purpose to maintain the instructions of my country, which, I trust will atone for the errors I commit.

In receiving from the people the sacred trust twice conferred to my illustrious predecessor, and which he has discharged so faithfully and so well, I know that I cannot expect to perform the arduous task with equal ability and success. But, united as I have been in his councils, a daily witness of his exclusive and unsurpassed devotion to his country's welfare, agreeing with him in sentiments which his countrymen have warmly supported, and permitted to partake largely of his confidence, I may hope that somewhat of the same cheering approbation will be found to attend upon my path. For him, I but express with my own, the wishes of all—that he may yet long live to enjoy the brilliant evening of his well-spent life; and, for myself, conscious of but one desire, faithfully to serve my country, I throw myself, without fear, on its justice and its kindness. Beyond that, I only look to the gracious protection of the Divine Being, whose strengthening support I humbly solicit, and whom I fervently pray to look down upon us all. May it be among the dispensations of his providence to bless our beloved country with honors and with length of days; may her ways be ways of pleasantness, and all her paths be peace.

After the address was delivered, the oath was administered to the President by the Chief

Justice; and the Vice President, Secretary, and Members of the Senate, preceded by their Sergeant-at-Arms, returned to the Senate Chamber.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.
Paris, March 14, 1837.

INACCURATE ADDRESS. The address of President Van Buren, previous to entering upon the duties of his office, we publish in this day's paper. It will be read with pleasure and interest. It is written in that elegant and perspicuous style which characterizes the productions of his faculty, exhibiting the man of talent and the scholar. His political sentiments and principles are too well understood, to require any new exposition, and he has recently had occasion to give to the public his views, on most of the important and exciting questions, that now occupy and agitate the public mind. It was not therefore necessary for him to repeat his political creed, or make new professions of his political principles. The people know, and have, by his election, approved them. The address breathes throughout a spirit of genuine patriotism, which gives good assurance that our outward expectations of his administration will be realized.

We notice by the last papers that a farewell address from our late venerable President Jackson, was expected to appear in the Globe of the 6th inst. If so, we may hope to receive it in season for this paper. Should it appear seasonably we shall find room for it if possible.

We call the attention of our readers to the Distribution Bill, which will be found in this day's paper. They will perceive that towns may make money by local aid, in any way in which they could make money raised by town taxes, but not otherwise. It is a matter of some importance that this fund should be employed wisely and well.

The Committee on Banks and Banking in our State Legislature have made a brief report, against granting any charters, accompanied with a Resolution against "granting exclusive privileges and exemptions to private corporations."

This Report and Resolve give rise to some debate, but was accepted by a vote of 55 to 54. The Resolve was then passed to be engrossed by a vote 142 to 5.

The Bank aristocracy manifest much indignation at this action upon the privilege and the decision to hold the money as the people shall have any, if they are refused the power of controlling the currency and credit of the State. We rejoice to see the Legislature exhibit what we believe to be the sentiments of the people of this State. The professions and promises of the democratic party have too long run counter to each other. While professing to be the friends of equal rights and privileges, they have showered with a liberal hand favors and exemptions upon associations of the rich—Heretofore acts of incorp.

For the Democrat.

Mr. ENRIGHT—Notwithstanding the winter has been cold and the spring has commenced in rather a lion like style, I was pleased to notice that some of our good citizens on the Androsaggin on the 4th inst. gave ample demonstration that they were not entirely frozen up. At Dixfield, the morning was marked by the discharge of cannon in honor, as well, of the happy termination of the Administration of our late illustrious Chief Magistrate, as in announcing in joyful accents the commencement of that of Mr. Van Buren, from whose universally accredited talents and patriotic and able manner in the discharge of his duties, we anticipate an equal splendid career. Between one and two o'clock, a large number of gentlemen from that and neighboring towns sat down at the table of Col. Morrill, furnished, as usual, with every thing necessary to promote comfort and good cheer; and though no special address was prepared for the occasion, many remarks were made and many sentiments offered, giving full assurance of high hopes & expectations of our government for the four years to come. All appeared to rejoice that the mantle of the high and fallen on a successor, who gave so much of promise, that it would set well. And as both had been previously greatly calumniated and abused by political enemies, no doubt seemed to be entertained, but the present Chief Magistrate would, in like manner as the former, by his prudent and energetic administration disprove every unfavorable insinuation, and ultimately receive, as well as merit, the approbation of the good and virtuous of every party.

ANOTHER DISTRIBUTION BILL.
In the U. S. House of Representatives on the 25th ult., Mr. Bell moved an amendment to the Fortification Bill, providing that the money which should be in the Treasury of the United States on the 1st of January, 1838, reserving five millions of dollars, should be deposited with the several States, according to the 13th, 14th, and 15th sections of the Deposite Bill, approved June 23d, 1836. Adopted 113 to 92.

But in the Senate on Tuesday this amendment was rejected by a vote of 26 to 19. The House have made an appropriation for a political agent in Texas whenever the executive shall see fit to appoint one.

THE CURRENCY BILL. The Currency bill has passed the House, by a vote of 143 to 59, and it having previously passed the Senate by a vote of 41 to 5. This bill in effect repeals the Specie Circular, by providing that hereafter the government dues shall be paid either in specie or in notes of Banks which do not issue bills under the denomination of \$5.

On Thursday the House voted to adhere to their amendment of the Fortification bill, distributing the Surplus Revenue; but the Senate still insist on their vote striking out the distribution clause.

The bill to prohibit the sales of the public lands to others than actual settlers is lost.

The Senate have voted to recognize the Independence of Texas.—[Portland Jeffersonian.]

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